

REMARKS

The office action indicated that claims 6-13 and 33-38 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. To expedite prosecution of this application, claims 1 and 28 have been amended to recite subject matter indicated as allowable in the office action. New claims 47-62 have been added.

Applicant believes that the originally submitted claims are allowable over the cited references, and intends to prosecute these claims in subsequent application(s). As such, Applicant is entitled to the full range of equivalents with respect to each and every element and limitation associated with the claims currently pending in this application.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the currently pending claims are allowable. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this case to issuance.

Respectfully submitted,

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